(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, approval of the Central Government is required before a State Government or other authority issues any order directing that any forest land or any portion thereof may be used for any non-forest purpose.

(b) and (c) The forest land required for Koel Karo HE Project in Bihar has not yet been acquired and no application has been made to Central Government for permission. Necessary permission of the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 would be obtained at the appropriate time.

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited dues against Electricity Boards

118. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of money of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is due against Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, which are the States that have not cleared their dues so far; and

(c) what steps are being proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Show cause notices issued to M/s. I.T.C. Ltd.

119. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. I.T.C. has set up some units without proper clearance of Companies and M.R.T.P. Act during the last few years;

(b) the details of show cause notices issued to M/s. I.T.C. and its other companies during the last three years; and

(c) if so, what are the details in each case?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGANNATH KAUSHAL): (a) Only one case has come to the notice of the Government where M/s. I.T.C. Limited had established a new undertaking at Puri in the name of M/s. B. K. Singh and Company for processing of marine products without obtaining prior approval of the Central Government under Section 22 of the MRTP Act. A show-cause notice dated 8-3-1982 for penal action was given to the company. In its reply, the company stated that the arrangement between it and M/s. B. K. Singh and Co., was only part of a commercial transaction of a purely temporary nature and for purposes of exports only: and that it remained in existence only for a period of about three years and was discontinued thereafter. In view of the circumstances brought out by the company, it was decided to treat the case as closed after administering a warning to M/s. I.T.C. Limited to be more careful in future.

(b) and (c) Details regarding showcause notices for prosecution issued to M/s. I.T.C. Limited (except in respect of the violation mentioned in reply to part (a) above) during the last three years are given in the Statement. No such notices were issued to any of its interconnected undertakings during this period.